

City of West Lafayette, Indiana
Board of Public Works and Safety
MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2015
8:30 a.m.
Morton Community Center
Multi-Purpose Room

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Bradley L. Cohen, Brooke E. Folkers, and Jonathan C. Speaker. Mayor Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. November 4, 2015, Meeting

Ms. Folkers moved to accept the minutes of the November 4, 2015, Board of Works meeting.
Ms. Booker seconded the motion

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bid Opening: 2016 Single Axle Dump Truck – Street

Street Commissioner Payne stated that this truck will be to push snow. He confirmed for Mayor Dennis that it will have a center blade underneath the truck. In response to a question from Mayor Dennis, Commissioner Payne explained that this truck will be mostly used on residential street as we have a truck that is better to use on US 231.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes opened the bids and read them aloud. She noted that she will read the amount from the bid sheet, but there are pages that provide other options and detail which will be reviewed when the bids are taken under advisement. The bids are as follows:

Company	Make & Model	Bid
Wiers International Trucks (1)	International Workstar	\$168,716.68
Wiers International Trucks (2)	International Workstar	\$169,533.68
Stoops Freightliner	Freightliner 108SD	\$155,437.00
Truck City	Freightliner 108SD	\$165,091.00

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted that the bids were received timely.

Mr. Speaker moved that the bids be taken under advisement. Ms. Folkers seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. Agreement: Uniform Rental Service – Cintas – WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson requested approval of an agreement with Cintas for uniform rental service. He explained that we have dealt with Cintas for a number of years. He stated that Cintas, knowing that we speak to other vendors, rolled back pricing to what we paid about three years ago. The weekly cost is \$206.78. This provides uniforms to uniformed employees, as well as safety mats, shop towels, mop heads, and a variety of other items.

Ms. Booker moved that the uniform rental service agreement be approved. Ms. Cohen seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. 2014 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 34: Wessler Engineering – Sheraton and Fairway Knolls Lift Station Project – WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson requested approval of 2014 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 34 in the amount of \$12,652.00.

Ms. Folkers moved that the 2014 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 34 be approved. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. 2014 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 35: Bowen Engineering Corporation – Sheraton and Fairway Knolls Lift Station Project – WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson requested approval of 2014 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 35 in the amount of \$204,261.00.

Ms. Booker moved that the 2014 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 35 be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

e. Declare Item Surplus: Weapon – Police

Police Captain Harris stated that after 28 years of service Deputy Chief Leroux is retiring on November 13, and he requested approval to declare Deputy Chief Leroux's weapon (Serial #LNZ011) as surplus and transfer ownership to him.

Ms. Booker moved that the weapon declared as surplus be approved. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

f. Agreement: Settlement – Parktoria Technologies, LLC – Police

Deputy Chief Leroux requested approval of an agreement with Jeoffrey L. Burtch, trustee for the bankruptcy estates of Parktoria Technologies, LLC. He explained the history behind this item, stating that in 2014 we accepted Parktoria as our license plate reader company for parking enforcement. We entered into an agreement, which was amended in January 2015. At that point we began receiving software, hardware, equipment, and support to develop this project. In April 2015 we received an invoice for the items delivered to that point, in the amount of \$47,994.00. Shortly thereafter we received information that Parktoria was entering into bankruptcy. At that point the project did not move forward; it is now moving forward under a different company. He stated the City Attorney Burns has been in negotiation with the bankruptcy trustee to come up with a dollar amount we owe for the services and equipment that had been delivered.

City Attorney Burns stated that the main reason we are in as good of a position as we are is because of the quick work of the Police Department when they were informed about the bankruptcy, as well as the quick action of Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes to stop payment on the check. He stated that the good news is that we are writing them a check as opposed to retrieving money from a bankruptcy trustee. He stated that settlement agreement provides that we pay the sum of \$27,673.00. That is the amount that the Police Department determined was the value we had received. There were services that we could not get anymore, but there was some value in the

hardware. Some of the hardware can be sold and some can be used. He stated that this is a fair figure to the City and the bankruptcy trustee agreed to the settlement. He stated that this would call for our retention of what we have received, and a payment for it in the amount of \$27,673.00. Once the trustee has signed the agreement, we will send out the check. He asked that the check be prepared and held pending receipt of the fully-signed settlement agreement.

Ms. Booker asked if the Police Department is satisfied with the new vendor.

Deputy Chief Leroux responded that we are. He stated that it is moving along well, and even with this delay we plan to make a testing in the field this calendar year. He stated that some of the things we received from Parktoria, especially equipment, will transfer to the new company. He stated that this settlement is truly what the City will reap benefits from. He stated that Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes did a fabulous job of quickly getting a stop-payment on the check.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that between the periods of the Police Department selecting Parktoria and signing the contract, Parktoria was bought out by a hedge fund, and little did we know that the clock was ticking. She stated that we may consider that a point of interest in the future.

Deputy Chief Leroux stated that he will make sure that Captain Harris knows that for future projects.

Ms. Booker moved that the settlement agreement be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

Deputy Chief Leroux expressed his appreciation to the Board and Mayor Dennis and stated it has been great working with them. He stated that he has had a great career here and he loves the City and loved serving the community. He stated that the Police Department is in great shape and will continue to move forward.

Mayor Dennis stated that Deputy Chief Leroux has been a strong influence on the community for 28 years. He stated that Deputy Chief Leroux has been the go-to guy for various situations, including traffic problems, administrative issues, solving issues, and providing information. He stated that Deputy Chief Leroux has had an impact on the community and on law enforcement by giving an extra effort.

g. Hire: Full-Time Temporary – Accounting III – Peter Gray – Mayor

Mayor Dennis stated that the City has transitioned from a Class 3 to a Class 2 City, so a lot of our dynamic is changing. One of those changes is to go from having a Clerk-Treasurer to having a Controller and a Clerk. He noted that our Clerk will be Ms. Booker, and she will be doing some of the duties that Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes does. Our treasurer will now be a Controller, who will be Peter Gray. He stated that what we are doing with this hire is to bring Mr. Gray on board to expose him to how city government financing works, as his previous experience is in the private sector. Mayor Dennis stated that comparing private sector financing to government financing is like comparing apples to dirt clods. Mr. Gray will be able to work with Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes and see first-hand about how our systems work and how sometimes illogical government finance is. This will also allow Mr. Gray to meet the department heads, the Council members, and the Board members. He noted that Mr. Gray is currently on the Redevelopment Commission. Mayor Dennis stated that there is no way to put into five minutes, or five hours, what Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes has done for the City. He stated that we would not be where we

are, and would not have been able to achieve what we have achieved, and would not be in a position to do what we are planning to do for our future without Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes. He stated that she can take this confusing financing system and make it work for our citizens. He stated that unlike any other elected official she understands that she is an elected official and that her responsibility is to the taxpayers of this City. He stated that Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes is not done yet, but the process we are initiating today is to make it a little smoother when January 1 rolls around. He requested approval to hire Peter Gray.

Ms. Booker moved that the temporary hire of Peter Gray be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

- h. Claims
- i. AP Docket \$340,959.96

Ms. Folkers moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

There were no questions or comments about the claims.

The motion was adopted.

- i. Informational Items
 - i. Project Payment List – WWTU
There were no questions or comments about the listing.
 - ii. Park Board Dockets
There were no questions or comments about the listing.

- j. Other Items

► Councilor Burch noted that today is the 46th birthday of Sesame Street.

► Public Works Director Buck stated that even though weather is turning, we are still wrapping up construction. The lights have been installed and turned on for Cumberland Avenue. He stated that today there will be some repairs done on the streets near the Cumberland project that had some damage or heavy truck traffic. He reported that progress has been made on the pavement on Happy Hollow Road. The intention is to get that paved before the asphalt plants close so traffic can come down on the main part of the hill through the winter. In response to a question from Mayor Dennis, Director Buck explained that the asphalt plants usually close after Thanksgiving; it depends on the weather and how much production they get. He reported that street lights will continue to be installed on Northwestern Avenue.

► Parks Superintendent Fawley reported there is a Founder's Day tree planting at McClure and Yeager Roads today. She reported that we are preparing for the ice rink to open, and are looking for cold weather in the next couple of weeks.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Speaker moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.